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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY TO OUR JULY 29 LETTER TO FONMIN CHIAO CONVEYING USG OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. GIVEN THE CHINESE HANGUP ABOUT SELF-RELIANCE, WE MAY GET EITHER NO REPLY AT ALL, OR ELSE JUST A POLITE EXPRESSION OF "THANKS BUT NO THANKS".

2. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE IS PERHAPS INSTRUCTIVE. THEY CALLED THE PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT JULY 29 TO REQUEST THAT THEIR DCM MEET WITH AN OFFICIAL AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE MFA TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE. AFTER WAITING A FULL DAY FOR A RESPONSE (DURING WHICH TIME MIYAZAWA'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND JAPANESE AID PREPARATIONS WERE PUBLICIZED) THERE WERE READ A REPLY OVER THE TELEPHONE WHICH CONSISTED LARGELY OF AN ACCOUNT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S OWN HEROIC RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER. THE REPLY CLOSED WITH A REMINDER OF CHINA'S "CONSISTENT POLICY" OF RE-FUSAL TO ACCEPT DISASTER RELIEF FROM ABROAD, AND WITH A PRO FORMA THANKS TO THE JAPANESE FOR THEIR GOOD WILL.

3. COMMENT: JAPANESE ARE A BIT MIFFED AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE BRUSQUE TREATMENT GIVEN THEM BY THE
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CHINESE. ACCORDING TO ONE JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL,

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THEY WISH IN RETROSPECT THEY HAD PROCEEDED WITH LESS
FANFARE, THUS REDUCING THE IMPACT OF THE PRC REFUSAL
OF THEIR OFFER.
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